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Letter dated 20 May 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) established by the Security Council in its resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005 and extended by resolution 1812 (2008) of 30 April 2008.

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my decision to appoint Major General Paban Thapa of Nepal as Force Commander of UNMIS as from 15 May 2008. He replaces Lieutenant General Jasbir Singh Lidder of India, who has served as Force Commander of UNMIS since 10 January 2006. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Lieutenant General Lidder for his exemplary and highly professional service in UNMIS.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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